



CAÑON CITY MUSIC & BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
81st ANNUAL PARADE
“A Blossoming Community”
SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 2019



PARADE INFORMATION

Start Time:

Line-up by 12:00 p.m.

Start time is 1:00 p.m.

Slower moving entries (Youth groups on foot, small vehicles, motorcades, and “Pre-Parade”) kick off the parade at 1:00 p.m. with all other entries immediately following.

Judged Floats: If you intend to enter your float in the Float Competition report to the **300 block of Main Street at 10:00 a.m.** for separate judging. Award winners will receive awards and placement banners at the conclusion of judging to proudly display during the parade. Participants are then to report to their assigned block position per the Staging Map by 12:00 p.m.; final lineup check will be performed at that time. Award checks will be provided to the winners when they return their award signs to Parade Headquarters after the parade.

ALL ENTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

GENERAL RULES

1. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**. All applications are asked to have their resumés and entry fee attached with checks made payable to “**Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival.**”
2. Late entries will be considered but shall be placed at the rear of the lineup.
3. Parade line-up orders will be e-mailed no later than Sunday, April 28, 2019. Orders will include a parade route map and placement number. Entries will need to be in assigned staging position by 12:00 p.m. for final line-up check.
4. Please report cancellations as soon as possible to the Blossom Festival Parade Committee.
5. Specify on the parade entry application if you have a large entry that requires special accommodations.
6. It is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians with children participating in the parade to make necessary arrangements to have children met and picked-up at designated points.
7. Fire extinguishers are mandatory on each float.
8. If an entrant is instructed to leave the staging area or parade route, any disorderly conduct between the said individual and/or his accompanying group as so deemed by a Parade Official(s), may result in the ejection of the entire performing group. In the event any group is ejected from the staging area or parade route that group stands to forfeit participation in future Music & Blossom Festival Parades.
9. The Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival Corporation’s decision regarding any interpretation of parade rules shall be final.
10. Any display of a firearm or weapon must be approved **in advance** by the Parade Chairperson and assigned law enforcement official.
11. All participants must have fun!

Special rules apply for equine and animal entries. Refer to page 3 below.



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PARADE CONDUCT

1. **THE SAFETY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS IS OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN.**
Please exercise caution for the safety of other participants and spectators along parade route, especially children crossing streets.
2. No one under 12 years of age will be allowed to walk in the parade without adult supervision.
3. **NO ONE WILL GET ON OR OFF A FLOAT OR ENTRY ONCE IT HAS STARTED DOWN THE PARADE ROUTE.** No individual shall enter or exit a parade entry after the parade has commenced. Walkers must walk the entire parade route.
4. For safety purposes, it is recommended that helmets be worn by all riders of bicycles, skateboards, inline skates, scooters (motorized or not), motorcycles, etc.
5. Parade participants are not allowed to sell any items from their entry, before, during, or after the parade.
6. **THROWING CANDY FROM FLOATS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.** This is to keep pedestrians off of the parade route and away from the wheels of moving vehicles. Items (candy, toys, flyers, etc.) **MAY** be passed out curbside by walkers accompanying the parade entry. If you would like to give out items, please walk close to the sidelines or on the sidewalk and hand items out. Items other than candy (info flyers) must be approved by the Parade Chairperson prior to the parade.
7. “Gaps” in the parade must be avoided. All entrants must maintain the set pace of the parade. No more than 30 feet or 3 car lengths between you and the unit in front of you. **Please do not stop along parade route unless instructed to do so by a Parade Official or Law Enforcement Officer.**
8. **No** profanity or inappropriate signage on any entry will be allowed. The Cañon City Music and Blossom Festival reserves the right to remove any floats/participants deemed “inappropriate.” Offenders will not receive a refund.
9. All entrants in vehicles are prohibited from “tire burning” or driving in dangerous mannerisms (donuts, power jacking, rapid acceleration, etc.). Those violating this rule will be immediately escorted from the parade route and may be subjected to further action by the City of Cañon City Police Department.
10. Discharging of firearms with blank ammunition may be permitted with proper notice to the Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival Parade Committee. Proper insurance for this is a mandatory requirement. Live ammunition is strictly prohibited.
11. Any display of a firearm or weapon must be approved **in advance** by the Parade Chairperson and assigned law enforcement official.
12. All entrants will be checked before entering the parade line. Any entry that does not conform to this application or these rules will be disqualified and may not be allowed into the parade and entry fees will not be refunded. Entries depicting violence, drugs, illegal activities, or otherwise deemed inappropriate will be disqualified from judging and will not be allowed into the line-up and entry fees will not be refunded.
13. In the event any group is ejected from the staging area or Parade route that group stands to forfeit participation in future Music & Blossom Festival Parades.



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SPECIAL RULES FOR EQUINE and OTHER ANIMAL ENTRIES

1. **PROOF OF EQUINE/LIVESTOCK INSURANCE:** All horse/livestock entries must show proof of insurance. Entries without proof of insurance **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the Parade. Your insurance provider must mail a complete copy of your ***Certificate of Liability Insurance form*** naming **the City of Cañon City and the Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival as certificate holders** for the event. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the Parade Chairperson.
2. Livestock, reptiles, wild and domestic animals shall not be in the parade without specific approval by the Parade Committee.
3. All animals must be clean, well groomed, healthy, and sound. There will be Parade Committee members inspecting all animal entries prior to entering the parade route.
4. No inexperienced animals or riders allowed. All animals must be **crowd and parade sound**. Any rider under the age of 18 is required to have an experienced handler walking next to them at all times. No handlers under the age of 18, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
5. No stallions, proud cut geldings, or bulls are allowed.
6. **Entrants are responsible for all animal wastes along parade route and in staging and disbanding areas. Equine and other animal units must provide their own accompanying clean up personnel with shovels/rakes and proper disposal. Failure to comply will result in removal from the parade.**
7. If an animal mounted or escorted is deemed potentially unruly or unsafe as to create a potential hazard to its owner, any secondary performing party, and/or spectators, that animal and/or trainer deemed unsafe will be instructed to leave the Parade or staging area immediately. Furthermore, in the instance a performer and animal are instructed to leave the staging area or Parade route, any disorderly conduct between the said individual and/or his accompanying group as so deemed by a Parade official(s) may result in the ejection of the entire performing group. In the event any group is ejected from the staging area or Parade route that group stands to forfeit participation in future Music & Blossom Festival Parades.
8. Mounted and escorted animals must keep a safe distance from the crowd and spectators at all times. At no time should a spectator be close enough to touch the animal.
9. Parade day can get very warm, please bring water and snacks for your animals!